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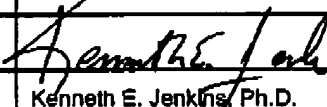
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 22, 2006, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I (claims 1-35 and 60) for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants request reconsideration of Groups I and VI as independent inventions. The invention claimed by Applicants arises out of a common inventive concept or idea. The common, novel concept of this invention is that a peptide having an ester or thioester may be immobilized using an anchor molecule. Each of the claims of Groups I and VI arise out of this common, novel idea.

In addition, Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that in order to properly restrict the claims, there must be serious burden on the Examiner if the claims are not restricted (see MPEP §803). Because the claims are closely related by a common inventive concept, the burden on the Examiner to search claims covering the common inventive concept is minimal.

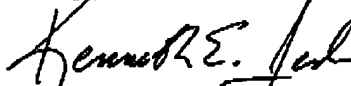
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In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

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